

# Lake Woodruff

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2017



**Refuge Boundary**  
Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.

**Closed Area**  
All entry prohibited.

**No Hunting Zone**  
Hunting, weapons, or game retrieval prohibited.

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### Hunting Regulations

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge is located in the western section of Volusia County, Florida, near DeLeon Springs. The designated hunt areas contain approximately 11,000 acres of woodlands and bordering marsh.

### Designated Hunt Areas:

*Western Unit* - includes Harry's Creek Swamp (all land between the St. John's River and Norris Dead River); Dexter, Tick, and Jones Islands, approximately 8,000 acres.

Note: Access to the Western Unit is by boat only, and participants must furnish their own transportation. There are a number of launching ramps and fishing camps that rent boats in the general area. The waters within the refuge are difficult to navigate at night.

*Eastside Unit* - includes approximately 1,000 acres of refuge lands west of the CSX Railroad to the East Marsh. Unit begins at Gate #2 (numbered) south of Mud Lake Road and continues south to Gate #14. Access to the Eastside Unit is only permitted from the Mud Lake Road entrance. Vehicle travel and parking is restricted to designated locations. Access from the railroad right of way is prohibited.

*Volusia Tract* - lies between Highland Park Road and Shell Road west of the CSX Railroad, and is approximately 2,000 acres. Access from the railroad right of way is prohibited. Motorized travel is prohibited.

### General Hunting Regulations:

The regulations listed below supplement the General Regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations and subject to the following conditions.

Any game taken during the hunts must be checked at a self-check station. Stations are located at the south end of the Volusia Tract off Shell Road, at the north end of the Volusia Tract off Highland Park Road, at the Ed Stone County Park off SR44 at Highland Park Fish Camp, and at the north end of East Side Road.

- All hunters must be on stands or in blinds while hunting. No stalking or movement through the hunt area is permitted while hunting. Scouting in the hunt area, whether or not you hold a permit for the current hunt, is not permitted during quota hunts. Possession of weapons while scouting is prohibited.
- No overnight use is permitted on the refuge. No one may enter the hunt area prior to two hours before sunrise, and all hunters must clear the area by two hours after sunset.

- Target practice, airboats, fires, and dogs are prohibited on the refuge.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- It is unlawful to drive nails, spikes, or other metal objects into any tree, or to hunt from any tree in which a metal object has been driven.
- No person shall cut, blaze or destroy any tree or remove any tree, shrub, or protected plant.
- See state regulations for complete hunter safety requirements.
- Littering and digging anywhere on the refuge are prohibited.
- Only deer and hogs are legal to take.

Stands or blinds may be set-up two days prior to the hunt you are permitted for and must be removed the last day of your permitted hunt. Stands must be clearly marked with your customer number. No more than one stand or blind per permit may be on the refuge at any time, unless a permitted hunter is accompanied by a youth hunter. Stands for youth hunters must be placed within sight and normal voice contact of permitted hunter's stand and marked with the permit number and the word "youth".

Hunters using flagging or other trail marking material must print their permit number on each piece or marker. Flagging and trail markers may be set-up two days prior to the hunt you are permitted for and must be removed the last day of your permitted hunt. Hunters who do not print their permit number on each marker, or do not remove their flagging or marking material by the last day of their permitted hunt will be cited for littering. Flagging, markers, or stands placed more than two days prior to the hunt will be removed and could result in loss of refuge hunt privileges.

### Deer/Hog Permits

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog Quota permit. Hunters under the age of 16 do not need a permit but must be accompanied by a permitted adult (18 years of age or older). Each adult may supervise one youth hunter and must remain within sight and normal voice contact, and the pair must share a single bag limit.

Deer/Hog permits for the archery and primitive gun hunts are issued through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's (FWC) Total Licensing System. The permit is non-transferable. Hunters must be 16 years of age to apply. Permits that are lost or stolen may not be replaced.

To apply, go to <http://myfwc.com/license/limited-entry-hunts/>. Scroll down to "National Wildlife Refuge Hunts" and select either Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog Archery or Muzzleloading Gun. Once archery or gun is selected, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Apply Online". Permits will be issued through a random drawing. The application periods will begin at 10 am Eastern time on **May 15** and run through midnight **June 15**.

**Once you have obtained the permit from FWC, sign the front of this brochure to acknowledge you have read and understand these refuge-specific regulations before hunting. In addition to the FWC issued permit, all hunters must possess a Refuge Hunt permit. You will be required to have both the FWC and refuge permits on your person.**

The number of refuge Deer/Hog Permits will be limited to 200 archery permits (100 per hunt) and 100 primitive gun permits (50 per hunt).

If you have any problems with the issuance of your permit, please contact the FWC at 850/488 3641 (Monday-Friday 8 am - 5 pm). **Submitting false information or using another person's identity without their consent is considered identity theft and may result in felony charges and the loss of hunting privileges.**

### Antler Restrictions

Bucks legal to hunt are Deer with at least one antler having three or more points (each point one-inch or more in length) OR a main beam length of 10 inches or more.

Antlerless Deer are defined as having no bony structure protruding through the skin. Knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet are not considered visible antlers.

Youth hunters 15 years old and younger may take antlered deer with at least one antler 5 or more inches in length.

### Archery Regulations

Archery hunting is permitted in the Western unit, Eastside unit, and Volusia Tract. Feral (wild) hogs and deer except spotted fawns, may be hunted during the archery hunts. Weapons permitted during archery season are bows in accordance with State regulations.

There will be two Deer/Hog archery hunts, limited to 100 permits each. Permits are only valid for the specified hunt. Hunters may purchase a Deer/Hog permit for one archery hunt and one Deer/Hog permit for one primitive gun hunt.

There is no size or bag limit for hogs.

### Archery I: September 16 - 24

The daily bag limit for deer is 1 buck and 1 antlerless per day. Permit limit for deer is 1 buck and 2 antlerless.

### Archery II: October 7 - 15

The daily bag limit for deer is 1 buck and 1 antlerless per day. Permit limit for deer is 1 buck and 2 antlerless.

### Primitive Gun Regulations

Primitive gun hunting is permitted only in the **Western Unit which is only accessible by boat**. Weapons permitted during primitive gun season are muzzleloading guns in accordance with State regulations.

Permitted hunters or youth supervised by a permitted hunter may harvest one buck meeting State antler requirements (see new State regulations). Feral (wild) hogs may be taken during the primitive gun hunt by any permitted hunter or youth supervised by a permitted hunter.

The daily bag limit for deer is one buck. Permit bag limit for deer is 1 buck.

There is no size or bag limit for hogs.

There will be two Deer/Hog primitive gun hunts, limited to 50 permits each. Hunters may purchase a Deer/Hog permit for one archery hunt and one Deer/Hog permit for the primitive gun hunt.

Primitive gun hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment. Such clothing must be worn above the waistline and can include a head covering.

### Primitive Gun I: October 21 - 23

### Primitive Gun II: October 28 - 30

### For Further Information

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